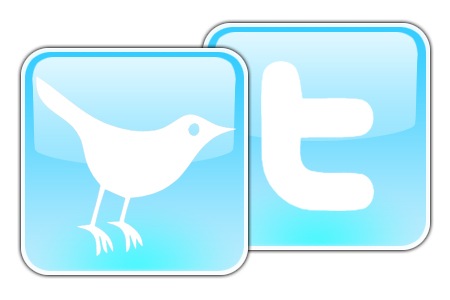
Twitter

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1) What is twitter?

“Twitter is a real-time information network that connects you to the latest information about what you find interesting. Simply find the public streams you find most compelling and follow the conversations.”-Twitter.com/about.

Basically, Twitter is a simple form of Facebook so it is a social networking and microblogging site for users across the globe.

2) How Twitter Works:

To tweet and become part of the twitter network users simply:

1) Enter a valid email account

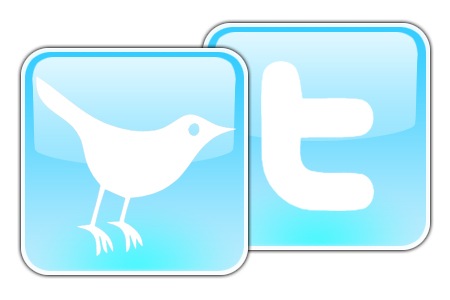
2) Create a username and password

3) Search Twitter for interests

4) Find and follow friends, family, favorite celebrities, sports teams, news

networks and more!

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| Pros: | Cons: |
| It’s FREE! | Tweets are restricted to 140 characters (shorter than a text message) |
| Global connections with professionals in your field of study ie. Authors | Cannot reply directly to Tweets like you can with Facebook comments. |
| Famous/celebrity profiles are verified so you’re not following fakes. | Groups cannot be created |
| Privacy settings protect your Tweets so they are not public | If using as a classroom tool whoever students are following cannot be monitored. |
| Text message updates and smart phone apps | How much time is wasted with mobile updates? |
| Pros ctd: | Cons ctd: |
| Homework assignments could be posted or grade updates Tweeted ie. Test grades have been posted on D2L | How much time is too much time spent Tweeting? |



3) How can Twitter be used in the classroom?

Keep students informed on homework assignments, grades, or even intersting facts.

Have students follow a news or scholarly source ie. CNN or MSNBC as opposed to reading the newspaper.

4) Similar Technologies:

Tumblr: blogging site that allows sharing of photos

Facebook: social networking site that allows users to make posts, create groups, share photos and videos

Flickr: yahoo based photo sharing website.

5) Twitte video:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JOx-kjIa8BE>